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MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I am really disturbed by the allegations against our colleague that he altered tapes. The gentleman from Indiana has not altered any tapes.

But I guess what I am also very, very concerned about is why are the Democrats worried about why Web Hubbell was awarded \$100,000 from the Indonesian Government after he left the White House? Was it hush money? Why did Revlon Corporation give him \$63,000?

Why, on these unaltered tapes, did he say I have to roll over for the White House one more time? Why did his wife say here comes the White House squeeze again?

Why did 19 members of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, 19 Democrat members, refuse to give immunity to four witnesses that the Democrat Department of Justice has already given immunity to? Why are the Democrats not interested in getting to the truth?

Why did Monica Lewinsky visit the Oval Office 37 times? Quite a file clerk, huh. Mr. President?

Why are these things going on? Why does Ms. McDougal not speak, Mr. Speaker? Why are the Democrats not curious?

Mr. Speaker, I have these questions.

SUPPORT MAINTAINING CURRENT DOMESTIC SOURCING STANDARDS

(Mr. STRICKLAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STRIĆKLAND. Mr. Speaker, as we envision the American soldier of the future, we imagine that soldier with state-of-the-art equipment, weapons, and training. Would it surprise us to see that soldier wearing a uniform made of Chinese fabric assembled in Taiwan? Would it trouble us to imagine him in the trenches wearing a helmet cast from German steel and eating rations imported from Sweden? Does it shock us to learn that the Department of Defense wants Congress to allow the purchasing of foreign materials and food for American soldiers?

With apologies to my fellow Ohioan, let me say, Mr. Speaker, we should all be beamed up on this one.

I plan to see that American soldiers are not clothed and fed by foreign companies and that the Department of Defense's Buy American laws are not circumvented with slick legislative language. I urge every Member of this body to join me and my colleague from New Jersey (Mr. LoBIONDO) in cosponsoring the Strickland-LoBiondo resolution to maintain current domestic sourcing standards.

APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL CONFEREE ON H.R. 2400, BUILD-ING EFFICIENT SURFACE TRANS-PORTATION AND EQUITY ACT OF 1998

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHIMKUS). Without objection, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of an additional conferee from the Committee on Ways and Means on the bill (H.R. 2400) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes:

Mr. RANGEL.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will notify the Senate of the change in conferees.

KYOTO TREATY SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN LIGHT OF DAY

(Mr. KNOLLENBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, the U.N. treaty on climate change that was negotiated in Kyoto, Japan last December is a bum deal for this country. If ratified, this overreaching agreement would result in fewer American jobs, higher prices, a lower standard of living, and it will not reduce emissions.

Fortunately, there is strong opposition to this treaty in Congress, and the Clinton administration does not have the votes to win ratification in the Senate. However, faced with this dilemma, it appears the President will attempt to implement his policy objectives through regulatory fiat, executive orders and stealth tactics; regulatory end runs.

Congress must not allow this to happen. We must fight to defend our economic interests and we must fight to protect the integrity of the legislative process. To do anything less would be a grave disservice to the American people.

In yesterday's Investor's Business Daily, there is an editorial which highlights the Clinton administration's attempt to circumvent the will of Congress. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to read it and join in the effort to ensure that the Kyoto treaty is dealt with in the appropriate manner: in the light of day.

MR. BURTON SHOULD STEP ASIDE

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, these are not my words: "If Republican leaders hope to preserve any shred of credibility in this House investigation, they must make it clear now that Mr. Burton must go. Must go now." The Albany Times Union, New York. Albany, New York, May 5, 1998.

The real question, Mr. Speaker, is would we want this to happen to us?

Yes, the United States House of Representatives has the legal right to take the tapes that were taped of Mr. Hubbell in his conversations between his wife and attorney. The question is do they have the legal right to distort the truth before the American people? Do they have the right to selectively issue the transcripts? No, not distort the tapes, but selectively issue the transcripts.

Would we, as American citizens, want this to happen to us? Would we want our rights violated, our privacy destroyed and distorted? I believe not. And so the question becomes for this investigation to have any credibility, this person who leads out of this committee must step aside for us to be able to rise up and represent the American people.

THIS ADMINISTRATION NOT THE MOST ETHICAL

(Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, for one minute let us say out loud what Republicans and Democrats on Capitol Hill are saying privately about what they are reluctant to say in public: The emperor has no clothes.

It is obvious that the people who came to Washington, promising the most ethical administration in history, is nothing of the sort. The nearly \$3 million the Democratic National Committee returned after the 1996 election, because it came from foreign sources, was not raised by accident. White House assertions that they do not know how the White House ended up with 900 FBI files on Republicans are not true. And the assertion that no one knows who hired Craig Livingston is not only a lie, it is a laughable one. White House denials that the Lincoln bedroom was not sold or the White House coffees have nothing to do with fund-raising are lies.

Just more examples of an almost pathological inability to be honest with the American public. The latest scandals are simply more of the same, and they are popping up everywhere.

Mr. Speaker, why sugarcoat what everyone knows to be true. The emperor has no clothes.

CONGRESS IS SELLING ITS FISCAL SOUL.

(Mr. MINGE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MINGE. Mr. Speaker, we have embarked on an era of political cronyism, plantation politics. This body recently passed a transportation bill that is \$35 billion over budget. The bill did not pass on its merits but on the basis of 1,400 especially identified projects to garner the support of the Members of this body.